

such as the America the Beautiful initiative, every State, community, and individual in the Nation will have the opportunity to help plant and maintain nearly 1 billion trees per year across the country. These trees, planted in both urban and rural areas, will stand in addition to the more than 2 billion trees planted regularly through previously established government programs and existing private efforts.

In recognition of the value of our forests, the Congress, by Public Law 86-753 (36 U.S.C. 163), designated the week beginning on the third Sunday in October of each year as "National Forest Products Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning October 21, 1990, as National Forest Products Week and call upon all Americans to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

#### **Proclamation 6205 of October 12, 1990**

#### **Country Music Month, 1990**

*By the President of the United States of America*

##### *A Proclamation*

Whether they tap their feet to the spirited sound of bluegrass or quietly hum along with the soulful melodies of traditional ballads, millions of Americans—and, indeed, fans around the world—enjoy listening to country music each day. However, country music is more than a favorite source of entertainment; it is also a rich and colorful expression of the hopes, experiences, and values of the American people.

Encompassing a wide range of musical genres, from folk songs and religious hymns to rhythm and blues, country music reflects our Nation's cultural diversity as well as the aspirations and ideals that unite us. It springs from the heart of America and speaks eloquently of our history, our faith in God, our devotion to family, and our appreciation for the value of freedom and hard work. With its simple melodies and timeless, universal themes, country music appeals to listeners of all ages and from all walks of life.

The popularity of country music, both throughout the Nation and throughout the world, is a great tribute to generations of talented American composers, musicians, lyricists, and singers. This month, we gratefully acknowledge their many gifts to us and proudly celebrate the uniquely American art form that is country music.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 603, has designated October 1990 as "Country Music Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 1990 as Country Music Month. I invite all Americans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

**Proclamation 6206 of October 17, 1990**

**National Drug-Free Schools and Communities Education and Awareness Day, 1990**

*By the President of the United States of America  
A Proclamation*

Our Nation's efforts to eliminate the scourge of illicit drug use and trafficking—efforts made in cooperation with other countries and conducted at all levels of law enforcement—have begun to bear fruit. In many parts of the United States today cocaine is harder to find, more expensive, and less pure than it was one year ago. Drug cartels that once seemed invincible have seen their operations significantly disrupted. Last month, new survey research released by the Partnership for a Drug Free America confirmed a trend already observed in other surveys and government indicators: a turn away from drugs in American attitudes and behavior, especially among young people, fewer of whom are using drugs than at any time since 1979. Such progress accentuates the importance of maintaining a strong, united front among government officials, law enforcement personnel, parents, educators, and business and community leaders as we wage the war against drugs.

Although we have made important advances in the struggle to reclaim our schools and communities from the deadly influence of drug dealers, we know that there is still much work to do. Each day the news brings grim reminders of the violence and despair caused by substance abuse. Illicit drug use and its consequences affect Americans of every age, every region, every race, and every walk of life. The toll in terms of health care costs and other economic losses is enormous. The toll in terms of personal suffering and wasted human potential is incalculable.

The high price imposed on our society by drugs underscores the need for education and other efforts aimed at prevention. We must teach young Americans about the dangers of experimenting with drugs, and we must refuse to tolerate in our communities the merchants of death who deal them. Because children learn by example, we must also ensure that our own lives reflect strong values, respect for the law, and a sense of personal responsibility and concern for others.

Securing a drug-free future for every American school and community will require the personal commitment and sustained cooperation of parents, students, teachers, law enforcement personnel, members of the